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September 7, 2004

Ken May, General Manager  
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC  
397 South 800 West  
Salina, Utah 84564Re: Sealing South Portals, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, SUFCO Mine, C/041/0002,  
Task ID # 1965, Outgoing Mail

Dear Mr. May:

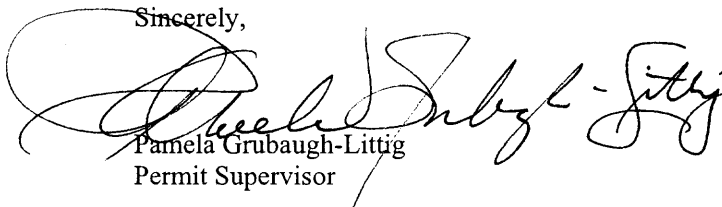
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC submitted a permit amendment to the SUFCO Mine plan on June 24, 2004 to seal two intake entries known as the South Portals, and remove all text and map reference to a proposed portal in the Muddy Creek area, which has been determined as being unfeasible to develop. The sealing of the South Portals was necessitated by a concern from the U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration. The Division approved this amendment on August 4, 2004, with input from the U.S. Forest Service relative to backfilling and compaction concerns.

The Division was soon made aware that the Bureau of Land Management had not reviewed the submittal, although our records show that a copy had been forwarded to the BLM on July 15, 2004.

The Division is therefore requesting that the reclamation work and sealing of the two South Portal intake entries be put on hold until the BLM reviews this submittal (by October 1, 2004).

It is the Division's understanding that there is no timeline involved with meeting the concerns established by the Mine Safety and Health Administration. If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5268, or Peter Hess at (435) 613-1146, Ext. 203. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
Permit Supervisor

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cc: James Kohler, BLM  
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